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The Honorable Viron P. Vaky
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Inter-American Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Secretary Vaky:

You are cordially invited to participate in an evening discussion dinner at Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters on Thursday, 2 August. Our discussion will consider Central America after the end of the Somoza dynasty. We will focus on the prospects for political and economic stability in this sharply polarized region, paying particular attention to the potential impact of a radical, pro-Cuban regime in Managua. Although there are common trends and problems in Central America I would hope that we can also discuss the situation in the individual countries.

Our discussion will be led off by Dr. Ralph Lee Woodward of Tulane University who will speak briefly on the implications of the Nicaragua crisis for the other Central American states. ^{Dr. Kenneth Grieb of Wisconsin will present} Dr. Thomas Walker, University of Ohio, will then comment on the general direction of US policy toward the region and the difficulties we will encounter unless it is modified. After that we shall all have our say.

The plan for the evening is as follows: The company will assemble in my conference room in the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, Virginia, 7D64, between 5:30 and 6:00. Refreshments will be served. Our discussion will begin at 6:00 and continue until 7:00 when dinner will be served. After dinner, or about 7:30, we shall resume discussion and continue until 8:30 or so,

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as the intensity of our interest dictates. The company will be small, with 6 outside guests and eight insiders, to facilitate an exchange in which all may participate.

I am looking forward to your joining us. I have asked [redacted] the assistant NIO for Latin America, on [redacted], or [redacted] of my Academic Relations Staff, on [redacted] to complete the arrangements. Please call them if you need any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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